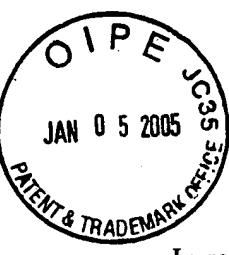


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January 5, 2005

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This is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted under 37 CFR 1.97-1.98, within the time period specified in 37 CFR 1.97(d).

A Form PTO-1449 and a copy of the reference listed therein are attached. This reference was cited in an Office Action issued by the Japanese Patent Office on the foreign priority application for the present U.S. application. The reference is written in the Japanese language, so an English-language "Patent Abstracts of Japan" summary is enclosed to show the relevance of the reference.

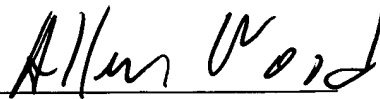
The Japanese Office Action is dated November 2, 2004. Accordingly, the undersigned attorney states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the present Information Disclosure Statement.

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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the reference and make it of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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